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PAPER, SEPT. 28-29, 1976

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1. SUMMARY - PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, US DEL SUPPORTED
SUGGESTIONS TO AMPLIFY REPORT ON ENERGY USE IN PULP AND
PAPER INDUSTRY. WP EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE
AT NOT HAVING BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUHITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE
COMMENT ON WASTE PAPER REPORT PREPARED BY WASTE MANAGE-
MENT POLICY GROUP (WMPG) OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.
TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION, WP WILL BE ISSUED COPIES OF
WMPG'S PRELIMINARY AND FINAL REPORT UPON WHICH WP WILL
BE INVITED TO COMMENT. MISSION OFFICER FORRESTER,
ACCOMPANIED BY INDUSTRY ADVISER MEISTER, REPRESENTED
U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. ELECTIONS - LIHD, SWEDEH, WAS ELECTED WP CHAIRMAN
FOR THE PERIOD 1976-1977.

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3. COMPLETION OF REPORT ON ENERGY PROFILE & OPPORTU-

NITIES FOR SAVING PULP & PAPER INDUSTRY".

CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED COUNTRIES REPORT ON ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY PRODUCT TO MORE EFFECTIVELY IDENTIFY AREAS FOR INCREASED ENERGY-SAVINGS. US DEL., SUPPORTED BY UK, MADE CONVINCING CASE AGAINST DISAGGREGATED DATA FOR TWO REASONS: A) IT THREATENED BUSINESS CONFIDENTIALITY, AND B) IT CAUSED MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FOR US INDUSTRY, MUCH OF WHICH CONSISTS OF INTEGRATED MILLS, TO DISAGGREGATE ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY PRODUCT. WP AGREED THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD REVIEW PROBLEM AND PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE DATA. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED THAT A SMALL GROUP

OF EXPERTS WOULD MEET POSSIBLY FEBRUARY 7-8, 1977 TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON ENERGY REPORT AND FINALIZE ENERGY-USE QUESTIONNAIRE. THE FIRST DRAFT OF ENERGY REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY WP IN THE LATE SPRING OF 1977; FINAL VERSION WILL BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1977.

4. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S STUDY ON WASTE PAPER - VIRTUALLY ALL MEMBERS OF WP EXPRESSED PROFOUND DISSATISFACTION WITH COMPLETE LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEES CONCERNING WORK ON WASTE. WP ALLEGED DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND QUESTIONED COMPETENCE OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO EXAMINE ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF SPECIFIC GRADES OF PAPER. LIEBEH OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DIRECTORATE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO DUPLICATION, THAT FINAL REPORT WOULD BE OUT IN EARLY 1977, AND THAT HE WOULD WELCOME WP VIEWS ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT WHICH IS DUE BY MID-OCTOBER. APPLETON ADDED THAT QUESTION OF DUPLICATION WAS RECENTLY DISCUSSED AT "HIGHEST LEVELS OF OECD", AND THAT SECGEN HAD INSTRUCTED DIRECTORS TO COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES. WP DECIDED THAT IT WOULD EXPRESS

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"REGRETS" FOR NOT HAVING BEEN OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S WASTE PAPER IN TIMELY FASHION. IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, US DEL SUGGESTED PARTICIPATION BY PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY IN WORK OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, SINCE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT WAS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED, QUESTION OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY WP IN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WAS NOT AT ISSUE.

5. INVESTMENT IN PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY - CONSIDERING SCARCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SECRETARIAT, US DEL, SUPPORTED BY MOST OTHERS, ARGUED AGAINST A SEPARATE REPORT ON INVESTMENTS, BUT SUGGESTED THAT INVESTMENT QUESTIONS BE INCORPORATED IN THE WASTE AND ENERGY REPORTS. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED.

6. NEW WORK - THE WP AGREED TO EXAMINE SUPPLY/DEMAND QUESTIONS AND HARMONIZE DEFINITIONS IN PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY. APPLETON OF SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT INDUSTRY COMMITTEE'S JUNE MEETING REJECTED CONCEPT OF PERMANENT WP'S, BUT EXTENDED PULP/PAPER WP ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE ITS REPORT ON ENERGY AND WASTE PAPER.
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APPLETON ADDED THAT 1977 BUDGET IS EXTREMELY TIGHT AND DOES NOT ALLOW FOR CONSULTANTS. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, US DEL NOTED LONG-STANDING USG POLICY NOT TO ENCOURAGE INDEFINITE EXTENSIONS OF SECTORAL AD HOC WORKING PARTIES. WP CONCLUDED THAT THESE NEW ACTIVITIES, TOGETHER WITH REMAINING WORK ON ENERGY AND WASTE, WOULD ALLOW IT TO FULFILL ITS MANDATE BY SEPTEMBER 1977.

7. NEXT MEETINGS: A) AD HOC WP MEETS FEB. 9-10, 1977;
B) POSSIBLE MEETING OF EXPERTS ON WASTE AND ENERGY FEB. 7-8.
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